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Specification Amendments

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph.

Under current network communication protocols, client authentication is typically enforced by the server that the client wants to access. If both authenticated and non-authenticated connections can be formed between the client and the server, the server will determine whether the connection should be authenticated or not. For example, the Hypertext ~~Transport~~ Transfer Protocol (HTTP) has become the standard protocol for transferring HTML (hypertext markup language) data over the World-Wide Web ("WWW") on the Internet and has been implemented in many other networks for other operations. The HTTP protocol allows a server to form both anonymous (i.e., non-authenticated) and authenticated connections with different clients. Nevertheless, only the HTTP server is given the ability to enforce the authentication. In other words, a client that wants to access the HTTP server is not allowed to decide whether the connection should be anonymous or authenticated.

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This application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and the examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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